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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON RED SEA RESOURCES

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1. CONFERENCE ON RED SEA RESOURCES BEING ORGANIZED FOR NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1 BY ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE OUT OF CAIRO. BOTH SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES ACTING AS CO-HOSTS WITH KING ABDUL AZIZ UNIVERSITY, JIDDA, PROVIDING SITE. THIS WILL BE A FOLLOW-ON CONFERENCE TO EARLIER SAG-INSPIRED CONFERENCES ON THE RED SEA. SAG AND SUDAN HAVE RECENTLY AGREED TO JOINTLY DEVELOP OFF-SHORE RED SEA RESOURCES.

2. SINCE THRUST OF CONFERENCE SCIENTIFIC, AND U.S. ENJOYS FAVORABLE RELATIONS WITH PRINCIPAL LITTORAL STATES AND HAS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH TWO--EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA-- POST RECOMMENDS EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITY AMERICAN
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OBSERVER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, HELP TO SAG ON AGENDA ITEMS.

BELIEVE US-SAG JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP COULD BE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR INITIATING INQUIRY. (US SIDE COULD RAISE THIS QUESTION DURING MEETINGS IN RIYADH OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL WORKING GROUPS 9/14-18).

3. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATES AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES AS WELL AS PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION, BOTH TOPICS BEING FOCUSED UPON BY JOINT WORKING GROUPS.

4. APPROPRIATE INTEREST IN CONFERENCE MIGHT HELP INDICATE SERIOUSNESS AND BREADTH OUR CONCERN ALL PHASES SAUDI DEVELOPMENT.

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